



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT
OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Date: September 23 2015

Agenda Item #: 6

Agenda Item: Recommendation related to a master development team, which will be responsible for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance for the Seaholm Intake Facility.

Vote Vote 3-0-0-1. CM Zimmerman was off the dais.

Sponsors/Department: CM Pool; Parks & Recreation Department

Summary of Discussion

Lyn Estabrook quickly described the history of the Seaholm area and the need for redevelopment. Estabrook continued to explain the vision of the proposed facility which states that the project will serve as a community public destination while creatively addressing the needs of the public.

- *CM Pool asked how the facility was transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department*

Ms. Estabrook explained that the Austin Energy Department deeded the property to the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) as dedicated parkland in 2011. In addition, Ms. Estabrook shared that Council approved an ordinance in 1985 that detailed the specifics of what would happen to the land once the facility was no longer in operation. Ms. Sarah Hensley, PARD Director, offered to provide CM Pool with the ordinance that was approved in 1985 and with the documentation that that deeded the property to the PARD.

- *CM Garza asked if PARD was in the third phase of the RFQ*

Ms. Estabrook confirmed that PARD is in the third phase. Furthermore, PARD plans to provide Council Members with a memo explaining who the recommended top team is before the November 19, 2015 council meeting date. In addition, PARD is working out the details on who will be presenting for the November 19, 2015 Council Meeting.

- *CM Garza asked about the timeline on the RFQ in regards to whether PARD was passed the public display and community input phase.*

Ms. Estabrook confirmed that PARD is beyond the public display and community input phase and shared offered to provide survey results and images of the boards to CM Garza.

Public Comments

None

Direction

Estabrook concluded by stating that this item will need to proceed to the Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation before returning to this Committee for a recommendation to then submit it to full Council by November 19, 2015.

Recommendation

A recommendation to move the presentation to the full Council in a November Council meeting was approved on CM Garza's motion and on MPT Tovo's second.